

REMARKS

Claims 2 and 3 have been rejected by the Examiner under 35 USC 103(a) as being obvious over Pangsrivongse (Rev. Flipina Med. Farm, 1938 - CAPLUS abstract), the admitted state of the art, and the reference entitled "Thailand: Thai Equivalent Viagra Drug Unveiled" (source: Nation - PROMT Newsletter Abstract, March 24, 1999), in view of Pope (GB 785,987). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

The present invention is directed to a method of treating erection dysfunction or malfunction wherein a pharmaceutically acceptable amount of an extract is administered to a male patient with erection dysfunction or malfunction wherein said extract is a mixture prepared by the steps of drying tubers, roots, stems, leaves and/or tissue cultured calluses of Butea Superba and Mucuna Collettii. According to the present invention it has been unexpectedly found that a greater therapeutical effect on erection dysfunction or malfunction is obtained when a mixed extract of Butea Superba and Mucuna Collettii is used in combination compared to the use of the extracts alone. As the Examiner will note, claim 2 was amended such that claim 2 now recites that the extract is a mixture of Butea Superba and Mucuna Collettii. Attached to the present response is a Declaration submitted by the Applicant clearly showing that a greater therapeutic effect for erection dysfunction or malfunction can be achieved when using a mixed extract of Butea Superba and Mucuna Collettii, particularly extracts of leaves and calluses of Butea Superba and Mucuna Collettii. The Declaration provides experimental data which clearly shows the remarkably greater therapeutic effect on erection dysfunction or malfunction when Butea Superba is used in combination with Mucuna Collettii compared to when using either one of these materials alone.

Although the Declaration containing the Experimental Data has not been executed by the Declarant, and thus is submitted as an unsigned copy thereof, a signed copy will be filed as soon as it has been received from the Applicant.

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Respectfully Submitted,

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